



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA EST. 1847



Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, January 29, 2023

How to Connect

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. We are glad you are here!
- Currently our church observes a “Masks Optional” policy throughout the church campus with the exception of the nursery staff and volunteers. Adult teachers, volunteers, and nursery staff, if they are unvaccinated, are asked to remain masked when involved in children’s Christian Education activities. Some may still opt to wear a mask even if they are vaccinated. Additionally, we have returned to observing The Peace, passing the offering plate, and joining hands to sing The Congregational Response (“God Be with You ‘Til We Meet Again”) in our traditional manner. Anyone uncomfortable with this approach is encouraged to refrain from participation in any or all of these aspects with full knowledge that our congregation is respectful and recognizes that our members have different needs and comfort levels. Please check any of the following for updates and possible changes in our COVID protocol:

First Presbyterian Church, Dalton Communication Channels:

- “First Presbyterian Church Dalton” - Our church’s public Facebook page.
 - “FPC Dalton Connect” - Our private Facebook page for church members and staff
 - “Midweek News” - Our newsletter sent online to most members unless a paper copy is requested by calling 706-278-8161.
 - Your E-Mail
 - Your personal mailbox
- Find the most current contact information on our members in the church directory. It can be found on our website (www.firstpresdalton.org) under the fellowship tab. Please email the church office for the directory password.
 - Regular team meetings will be held at the discretion of team chairs in-person and/or through video-conference. Scheduling will take place through direct communication and will be posted to the newsletter.

WI-FI



Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the church. There are two options available: First Pres Guest 2.4 and First Pres Guest 5. Although these will connect to the same network, 2.4 has more strength while 5 has more range. The location of the device will influence which one will automatically connect. The password for the guest network is **johncalvin**

Announcements

- **A congregational meeting and a corporate meeting** are called for Sunday, February 5, 2023, immediately following worship, for the purpose of receiving the 2022 annual financial report and the 2022 annual report of the activities of the church, and to introduce the Nominating Committee for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC.) At its January 22 meeting, the session designated the 2022-23 Officer Nominating Committee of Alice Ensley, Peggy Rollins and Mike Brown to propose a slate of five members to serve as our PNC. Nominations will also be received from the floor. Please make an effort to attend the service as we begin this important search, and do add our PNC to your prayers.
- Starting Sunday, January 29, in Hollis Hall, the Adult Sunday School class will begin discussing the **New Testament passages from The Essential 100 (E100)**. If you were not able participate in the Old Testament E100 readings, this will be a good place to jump in and join the discussion. Pick up a copy of the New Testament discussion schedule or see the Midweek News.
- How can you be a part of our Matthew 25 mission opportunities? Volunteer for one of these three projects: 1 - **Little Free Pantry**: Sign up to manage and restock the pantry for a month. 2 - **The Book Spot**: Help children select books every Tuesday from 7:30-8:15 a.m. 3 - **Friendship House**: Readers and Bird House builders needed on Friday, February 3, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

PRELUDE

Andante

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.

INTROIT

God, Be In My Head

W. Davies
(1869-1941)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to see our Savior, Who calls us Blessed.
We have come to hear the spirit, who calls us siblings.
We have come to hear our Father, Who calls us His children.
Let us come to worship our God!

Katie O'Gwin

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, Lord of our days, You have called us blessed. Enable us, in this hour, to not only receive Your blessings but to further seek to be Your blessings to those around us. This we ask through Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

*HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

Forgiving God, You have blessed us richly and called us to be blessings to each other. Redeem us, we pray, when our selfishness, isolation and despair make us doubt our blessings and our blessedness. Reshape us and re-create us not only for Your glory but for our enhancement as Your people of the promise. Through Jesus our rock, Amen.

Introit:

*God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;*

*God be at mine end,
And at my departing.*

Hymn 264 Note:

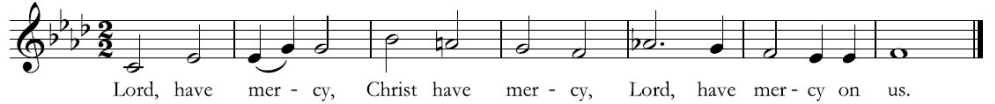
This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

New Prospect



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

S Selwidge Street



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6: 1-8

NRSVUE

¹ Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 1: 10-18

NRSVUE

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Total Praise

R. Smallwood

(b.1959)

*Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You—
Your peace You give me in time of the storm*

*You are the source of my strength;
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.*

Hymn 463 Note:

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELIS, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Affirmation of Faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5: 1-12

NRSVUE

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Prospect of Being Blessed"

Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

Trad. American folk song

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Traditional

God be with you till we meet again;

By His counsels guide, uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

| Date | Liturgist | Ushers | Flowers | Joy Makers | Faith Explorers |
|------|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1/29 | Katie O'Gwin | Charles Allgood & Nathalie Sanders | Laura Allgood | Laura Goins Leanna Granillo | Jodi Johnson Rachel Smalley |
| 2/5 | Walter Jones | Kathryn Sellers Jean Lowrey | Kathryn Sellers | Alice Ensley Lively | Jean Strain Jeane Jones |

MONTHLY

| Communion (February 5) | | Congregational Care | |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------|
| Prep | Mary Hubbs | January | Jeane Jones |
| Servers | Rev. Dr. Ken McKenzie, Annelle Scott, Dan Strain & Kaye Clark | February | Joanne Lewis |

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offertory onto your browser to easily submit your online offering.

Hymn 643 Note:

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

FPC Sanctuary (& Facebook livestream)

10:30 a.m.

Worship Team Meeting

11:45 a.m.

Monday, January 30

Soup & Scripture

noon-1

Tuesday, January 31

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

For Healing and Comfort for our Members:

Becky & Hilliard Jolly, as they mourn the death of her mother, Mac Thomas;
Fran Lewis, recovering at Regency Park from hip replacement surgery, please no visitors for now;
Cecilia Passmore, as she recovers from an exploratory surgery to try to resolve some complications from her infection;
Mary Dover, in rehabilitation at Regency Park;
Greg George, kidney disease and recent surgery;
Noel and *Coy Temples*, as Coy adjusts to his new setting;
Stan Cranford, multiple health challenges including spinal stenosis;
Kristen Weiss, complications of Crohn's disease.

For Healing and Comfort for Family and Friends of our Members:

Roger and Peggy Rollins
The family of Shirley Owens, friend, as they mourn her death;

Friends of First Presbyterian, Dalton

Rev. David McDonald, as he recovers from lung cancer surgery;
The family of Tom Phillips, as they mourn his death;
Bill Johnson, diagnosed with cancer; and for his wife, *Mae Johnson*, and his family as they care for him;
Arden Brown, son of Amanda and Chris Brown, has been accepted into a clinical trial for a drug which hopefully will prove to be a cure for Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy;
Wilson Kennedy, Cherokee Presbytery General Presbyter;
Families affected by COVID-19;
Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers!

Becky Hansberry, daughter of Kaye Clark, is moving to Atlanta in June and will continue her cancer treatment at Emory;
Comer Turley, brother-in-law of Fran Lewis, received a good report from oncologist;
Kelly Mahan Allgood, daughter-in-law of Charles and Laura Allgood, has completed her treatments and is doing well;



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